IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

The claims have not been amended. The following list of claims, rather, is presented for the convenience of the reader.

1. (previously presented) An information processing system comprising:

a first storage module storing step information containing parameters;

a checking module checking values of the parameters;

a second storage module, when a checked result is correct, storing values of the parameters; and

a module executing steps specified by the step information in a way that replaces a parameter of the step information with a value of the parameter.

2. (original) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein the step information represents steps configuring a predetermined target system by combining a plurality of subsystems, and

the parameter is characteristic information that individually adapts said subsystem to the target system.

3. (original) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein the step information is encrypted, and

said system further comprises a module decrypting the step information encrypted.

4. (original) An information processing system according to claim 2, further comprising:

a module accepting a value setting with respect to the parameter; and

a module judging whether the value with the setting accepted can be applied to said target system or subsystem.

5. (previously presented) An information processing method comprising:

referring to step information containing parameters;

checking values of the parameters;

when a checked result is correct, referring to values of the parameters; and

executing steps specified by the step information in a way that replaces a parameter of the step information with a value of the parameter.

6. (original) An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the step information represents steps configuring a predetermined target system by combining a plurality of subsystems, and

the parameter is characteristic information that individually adapts said subsystem to the target system.

7. (original) An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the step information is encrypted, and

said method further comprises decrypting the step information encrypted.

8. (original) An information processing method according to claim 6, further comprising:

accepting a value setting with respect to the parameter; and

judging whether the value with the setting accepted can be applied to said target system or subsystem.

9. (previously presented) A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

referring to step information containing parameters;

checking values of the parameters;

when a checked result is correct, referring to values of the parameters; and

executing steps specified by the step information in a way that replaces a parameter of the step information with a value of the parameter.

10. (original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 9, wherein the step information represents steps configuring a

predetermined target system by combining a plurality of subsystems, and

the parameter is characteristic information that individually adapts said subsystem to the target system.

11. (original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 9, wherein the step information is encrypted, and

said program further comprises decrypting the step information encrypted.

12. (original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 10, further comprising:

accepting a value setting with respect to the parameter; and

judging whether the value with the setting accepted can be applied to said target system or subsystem.

13. (previously presented) A program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps comprising:

referring to step information containing parameters;

checking values of the parameters;

when a checked result is correct, referring to values of the parameters; and

executing steps specified by the step information in a way that replaces a parameter of the step information with a value of the parameter.

14. (original) A program according to claim 13, wherein the step information represents steps configuring a predetermined target system by combining a plurality of subsystems, and

the parameter is characteristic information that individually adapts said subsystem to the target system.

15. (original) A program according to claim 13, wherein the step information is encrypted, and

said program further comprises decrypting the step information encrypted.

16. (original) A program according to claim 14, further comprising:

accepting a value setting with respect to the parameter; and

judging whether the value with the setting accepted can be applied to said target system or subsystem.

17. (previously presented) An information processing method comprising:

checking values of parameters contained in step information;

referring to values of the parameters when the checking produces a correct result; and

replacing a parameter of the step information with a value of the parameter by executing steps specified by the step information.